

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 have been examined. Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over EP 0 735 380 A1 to Salvaterra (“Salvaterra”)

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Salvaterra.

A. Claim 1

Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Salvaterra. For example, claim 1 states that a controller determines whether or not continuing a position measuring operation is required after a main operation of a mobile unit has stopped. If continuing the measuring operation is required, the controller continues the position measuring operation.

On the other hand, Salvaterra does not suggest the features above. Specifically, as shown in Figs. 16 and 17 of the reference, when the operation of the mobile system 1 is stopped (e.g., the user turns off the ignition of the vehicle), the control means 2 places the mobile system 1 in a state 211 (or 224). (Column 13, lines 2-3 and 37-38). In the state 211 (or 224), the control means 2 enables the GPS receiver 10 to continue to determine the position of the vehicle.

However, when the user turns off the ignition, the control means 2 does not determine whether or not the positioning measuring operation is required. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

B. Claim 2

Since claim 2 depends upon claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 2 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

C. Claim 3

Since claim 3 depends upon claim 2, Applicants submit that claim 3 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Salvaterra and U.S.P. 4,535,334 to Tagami et al. ("Tagami")

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salvaterra and Tagami. Since claim 4 depends upon claim 1 and since Tagami does not cure the deficient teachings of Salvaterra with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 4 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

III. Newly added claims

Applicants have added new claims 5-32 to obtain more varied protection for the present invention.

IV. Conclusion

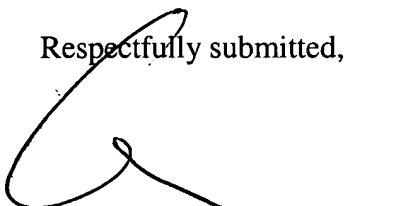
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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